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**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. - 7. (CANCELLED)
8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composition comprising a cut potato piece and a dry coating, said coating comprising a peptide-polysaccharide complex comprising a peptide and a polysaccharide, wherein said peptide is zein, and wherein said peptide is present in an amount of 2-90% by weight of the dry weight of the total peptide-polysaccharide complex and the polysaccharide is present in an amount of 10-98% by weight of the dry weight of the peptide-polysaccharide complex, wherein said cut potato piece can grow into a potato plant.
9. (ORIGINAL) The composition of claim 8, wherein the peptide is present in an amount of 2-30% by weight of the dry weight of the peptide polysaccharide complex and the polysaccharide is present in an amount of 70-98% by weight of the dry weight of the peptide-polysaccharide complex.
10. - 15. (CANCELLED)
16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The composition of claim 8, wherein the polysaccharide is a cellulosic derivative.
17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The composition of claim 16, wherein the cellulose derivative is selected from a group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose, methylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, and microcrystalline cellulose.
18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The composition of claim 8, wherein the polysaccharide is starch or a starch derivative.
19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The composition of claim 8, wherein the polysaccharide is pectin.

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20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The composition of claim 8, wherein the polysaccharide is derived from an exudates gum polysaccharide.

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